

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jennifer Branigan on April 21, 2008.

On line 2 of claim 1, the phrase "the Karl Fischer oven technique" was changed to --a Karl Fischer oven technique--. On line 4 of claim 1, the phrase "at least one stable water-free compound" was changed to --at least one inorganic, stable water-free compound--.

On lines 3-4 of claim 4, the phrase "the Karl Fischer oven technique" was changed to --a Karl Fischer oven technique--. On the last line of claim 4, the phrase "less than 300 pm" was changed to --less than 300  $\mu\text{m}$ --.

On line 6 of claim 6, the phrase " less than 300 pm" was changed to --less than 300  $\mu\text{m}$ --. On line 9 of claim 6, the phrase "in the mixture" was deleted.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Application serial no. 10/567,553 is being allowed since none of the prior art of record teaches or fairly suggests a method for determining water in a sample by using an oven Karl Fischer technique with a water standard comprising a mixture of at least one stable water-containing compound and at least one inorganic, stable water-free compound.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Maureen M. Wallenhorst whose telephone number is 571-272-1266. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 6:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jill Warden, can be reached on 571-272-1267. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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